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SUBJ: SPINY LOBSTER: CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

1. MAURICE FERRE, MAYOR OF MIAMI, CALLED TO EXPRESS HIS CONCERN OVER GROWING RESTIVENESS OF MIAMI FISHERMEN. FISHERMEN ARE INCREASINGLY TALKING OF RESORT TO VIOLENCE WHICH FERRE HAS COUNSELLED AGAINST. FERRE PLEADED FOR USG ACTION. I BRIEFED THE MAYOR ON WHERE MATTERS STOOD. HE ASKED WHETHER I HAD ANY OBJECTION TO HIS SENDING AN APPEAL TO PRIME MINISTER WHO MAYOR HAS KNOWN FOR SOME TIME. I SAID I DID NOT AND MAYOR WILL BE SENDING A TELEGRAM TODAY. HE DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER THIS WOULD BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC BUT I SUSPECT IT WILL.

2. NASSAU GUARDIAN THIS MORNING PRINTED OPEN LETTER FROM ILA TO PINDLING AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE HONORABLE SIR:

THE INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S ASSOCIATION LOCAL 1964 A.F.L. C.I.O. IS ANXIOUS TO AVOID ANY DISPUTE WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT, AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF FLORIDA LOBSTER FISHERMEN, WE PROPOSED TO YOUR GOVERNMENT MORE THAN TWO (2) YEARS AGO A

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PROCEDURE AND AGREEMENT THAT WOULD:

1. RESPECT THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE.

2. TRAIN YOUR PEOPLE TO EVEN MORE EFFICIENTLY ENTER THE FIELD OF COMMERCIAL FISHING AND MARKETING.

3. PAY THE BAHAMIAN GOVERNMENT FOR EACH POUND OF FISH WE "CATCH" IN YOUR WATERS.

4. PROVIDE JOBS FOR BAHAMIANS ON OUR BOATS FOR TWO REASONS:

A. TO LEARN THE TRADE

B. TO CHECK THE "CATCH"

WE FURTHER PROPOSED TO "POLICE" OUR MEMBERS IN UNITED STATES PORTS TO BE SURE THAT THERE BE NO CHEATING YOUR GOVERNMENT.

WE ARE AWARE THAT YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE ARE PROPERLY SENSITIVE TO THE PROTECTION OF YOUR RESOURCES, WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE EQUALLY SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF OUR MEMBERS.

THEY AND THEIR FAMILIES CANNOT WAIT FOR THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT AND YOUR GOVERNMENT TO GO THROUGH THE SLOW PROCESS OF DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATIONS.

WE ARE GOING HUNGRY.

WE ARE LOSING OUR HOMES AND BOATS TO THE BANKS AND FINANCE COMPANIES, WE URGE YOU TO ACCEPT OUR OFFER. LET US FISH AND PAY.

LET US FISH AND TRAIN, LET US FISH AND PROVIDE JOBS FOR BAHAMIANS.

WE CAN MEET TODAY, TOMORROW AND CONCLUDE A TEMPORARY WORKING AGREEMENT UNTIL OUR RESPECTIVE NATIONS CONCLUDE A FORMAL AGREEMENT.

WE HOPE WE CAN HEAR FROM YOU IMMEDIATELY.
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SINCERELY, /S/ KEN FRIEDMAN, PRESIDENT, I.L.A.
LOCAL 1964 A.F.L. C.I.O. UNQUOTE

3. ADMIRAL WAGNER INDICATED ON MONDAY THAT TONE OF ILA SOMEWHAT MUTED FROM SUNDAY THREATS OF BOYCOTT. ADMIRAL WAGNER SUSPECTS THAT THIS MIGHT BE AN INDICATION THAT LOCAL UNION PRESIDENT FRIEDMAN HAD STEPPED OUT OF BOUNDS OR AT LEAST HAD BEEN PRE-

MATURE IN EARLIER ANNOUNCEMENT OF BOYCOTT AND MAY HAVE BEEN
REINED IN BY ILA PRESIDENT GLEASON.

4. I HAVE CALL INTO PRIME MINISTER THIS MORNING TO OBTAIN
LATEST READING ON GOVERNMENT'S CONSIDERATION OF MORATORIUM.
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE HAS PROMISED TO RETURN CALL AT EARLIEST
OPPORTUNITY. HOWEVER, TUESDAY IS TRADITIONALLY A FULL DAY
DEVOTED TO CABINET MEETING. IT MAY, THEREFORE, BE LATE IN
THE DAY BEFORE I HEAR FROM HIM.
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